Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



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- Wanda Castellano, Administrative Assistant

All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral

Weekdays, M-F:	12:10 p.m.
Saturday, Vigil Mass:	4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses:	8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.
	Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.
Holy Days:	As noted in the Mass Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning

October 10-18, 2026

			Mass Intention / Mass or Service
Saturday	October 10	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Sunday	October 11	8:30 a.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	October 11	10:00 a.m.	†Yola Cormier
Domingo	11 de Octubre	11:45 a.m.	Los Legionarios y por la salud de Yanelys, Alex David y Dennis Morales Masariego
Sunday	October 11	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Monday	October 12	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Nicholas and Katelyn LaRussa
Tuesday	October 13	12:10 p.m.	
Wednesday	October 14	12:10 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Rusty Ficarra
Thursday	October 15	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Ronald and Therese LaRussa
Friday	October 16	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday	October 17	4:00 p.m.	Blessings for Emily Yunker
Sunday	October 18	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	October 18	10:00 a.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Domingo	18 de Octubre	11:45 a.m.	Bendiciones para Candida Camacho en su cumpleaños (90) †Jan Carlos Acosta
Sunday	October 18	4:00 p.m.	

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.

†Deacon Odell Daniel

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, The Gospel According to Matthew, **Matthew 22:1-14**, https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101126.cfm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER 3-4, 2026, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses ($3,460.00); Fuel ($291.00)

Mission Statement

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

A question was asked: Can a non-Catholic Christian receive the Sacrament of the Sick/Last Rites? Answer: Unless there is a grave necessity and certain faith requirements are met, a Protestant Christian may not receive the Catholic Last Rites (Canon 844 Par. 4). A Lutheran or other Protestant may receive prayers and pastoral care from a Lutheran pastor (or other Protestant minister as the case may be). But this pastoral care is **not the same as** the Catholic sacrament of the anointing of the sick, which is an essential part of Catholic last rites, as are, normatively, the sacrament of confession and the Eucharist (CCC 1517; 1525). Because Lutheran communities—and other Protestant ecclesial communities - do not have a valid ministerial priesthood, they cannot validly administer these sacraments. However, a baptized Catholic who has become Lutheran—or a member of another Protestant Christian sect - who wishes to receive Catholic last rites should speak with a Catholic priest about reconciliation with the Catholic Church. In this case, the person could more readily arrange to receive the sacraments of confession, anointing of the sick, and the Eucharist (CCC 1514-15).

THE LAND OF PEACE PROJECT: On the weekend of November 7/8 our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission – a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. You may see further information on their Website: www.landofpeace.org.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): If you are aware of anyone who would like to become a Catholic, please let us know. We are beginning the classes for the OCIA. If there are any adults who have not received their First Communion or Confirmation, we can assist with that as well. Those in the OCIA class will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil which is Saturday, March 27th. Please see Fr. Gary or call the rectory and we will get them into the classes that take place on Sunday mornings.

STRATEGIC REALIGNMENT INITIATIVE
PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS:

As part of the Diocese of Springfield's Strategic Realignment Initiative (SRI), the Cathedral parish will be participating in a parish listening session. This is an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the initiative, ask questions, share their thoughts, and offer their hopes and concerns for the future of our parish and the Church in our community. The Strategic Realignment Initiative is a prayerful, mission-centered process focused on strengthening our parishes and ensuring that our resources, leadership, and structures support a vibrant Catholic presence for generations to come.

Our Parish Listening Sessions will be held:

- **SPANISH: Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.**
- **ENGLISH: Friday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate. Your voice and your perspective are an important part of this process. For more information about the **Strategic Realignment Initiative**, please visit **https://www.diospringfield.org/onechurch**. Let us continue to pray for our parish, our Diocese, and all those participating in this important journey of faith.

PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.
YOUR VOICE IS VERY IMPORTANT.

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The Diocesan Pro-Life Commission is promoting '40 Days for Life' in Western Massachusetts. This Fall 40 Days for Life campaign goes from September 23, 2026 - November 1, 2026

From September 23rd through November 1st, you are invited to join Christians and all people of good will for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3550 Main Street, Springfield, MA, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Tim Biggins at (413) 285-2257 and/or at 40daysWM@gmail.com.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October: For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Join Us in Prayer for Life, Sunday, October 11

This Sunday, October 11, the Diocese of Springfield invites all parishes to unite in prayer for life as part of Mercy 4 Life, an initiative dedicated to praying for the protection of all human life, healing for those wounded by abortion, and renewal for our nation and especially our state, where abortion is legal up to birth. Parishes are invited to use the provided petitions at Mass. The goal is to have 250 churches across the country participate in this prayer initiative in honor of America's birthday. To learn more and find the petitions, please visit http://hosea4you.org/mercy4life/.

New effort underway to repeal abortion expansion law

Read about it on iObserve: https://iobserve.org/2026/09/18/new-effort-underway-to-repeal-abortion-expansion-law/

Massachusetts Family Action, Massachusetts Family Institute, and Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) have come together forming **Repeal188**, pursuing a referendum petition requesting the suspension of Chapter 188 and a statewide vote on the issue in a ballot question in November of 2028. Repeal 188 (https://repeal188.com/) Signature Petition. 37,289 certified signatures are required for the referendum to qualify for the ballot in 2028, and 49,716 certified signatures are required to suspend the law until November 2028. We are asking all registered voters to sign the petition. The deadline for collecting signatures from registered voters is OCTOBER 21st. Please inquire at the parish.

Upcoming Liturgies at St. Michael's Cathedral

Sunday, November 1st

- **10:00 a.m.** – **Solemnity of All Saints**

Sunday, November 8th

- **10:00 a.m.** – **Red Mass**
  Sponsored by The Saint Thomas More Society in Honor of Legal Professionals.

Sunday, November 15th

- **8:30 a.m.** – **Purple Mass** in commemoration of Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness. Sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver with a reception in the Bishop Marshall Center immediately following the Mass.
- **10:00 a.m.** – **Mass of Remembrance of the Cathedral Parish**
  In Memory of our Departed Parishioners.
- **11:45 a.m.** – **Mass of Our Lady of Divine Providence** (Mass in Spanish).
  The dinner will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.